

JAPANESE STUDY EL PASO MILLS

Imperial Commissioners Get Pointers on "Made in Japan" Exposition.

El Paso's industries were inspected Monday by Akira Shito, Imperial Japanese commissioner of commerce to the United States, who is now making a general inspection of the principal cities of the country with a view to determining the best markets for "Made in Japan" goods. Mr. Shito is accompanied by K. Yoshida, head of a large Japanese silk weaving mill.

The Japanese representatives were met at the union station by president Burt Orndorff and secretary Andrew Reeves, of the chamber of commerce, together with Dr. W. Newburn and T. Hillworth, of the immigration department. Mr. Hillworth acted as interpreter for the party.

"Japan requires many goods that this country manufactures and I am convinced that there is a large market for Japanese goods here," Mr. Shito said.

No Japanese Troops to Japan.

There is much talk in Japan regarding the prospect of our country sending its troops and ships to Europe to aid our ally. But most of this is only talk and it is not likely that the government is firm in its opposition to the plan on account of the various complications that might ensue. Only the government, of course, can answer the question as to whether Japan will retain the German territory we have captured in China. The whole nation behind the government and it will be supported in any course it may take to the very last man.

Following a luncheon at Hotel Sheldon, the Japanese visitors were taken in autos to the smelter and the cement plant and later inspected the Pearson mills. This afternoon they will attend the races at Juarez. They will leave tonight for Dallas.

SLAIN SOLDIER'S BODY IS SENT TO OLD HOME

Preceded by the 16th Infantry band, playing Chopin's funeral march, the body of private William B. Warwick, company H, 16th Infantry, was escorted by 11 companies of the regiment to the union station Monday afternoon. The other company had to remain in camp on guard duty. Private Warwick was killed Friday by a bullet coming from the Mexican side and penetrating his tent as he lay resting. The body was shipped to private Warwick's former home in Congdon, N. C. There being no artillery caisson available the body was taken to the station in a hearse. Col. Omar Bundy, commanding officer of the regiment, and his staff officers followed the hearse. At the union station a salute of three volleys was fired and "taps" was blown by the trumpet.

BOY SUES AUTO OWNER.

A complaint was filed by Ralph McLeod, a delivery boy, Monday against the driver of car No. 2038, owned by R. W. Bishop, charging reckless driving. The car had been seen by the boy near Wyoming and Brown streets about 10:30 a. m., collided with a bicycle ridden by McLeod. The bicycle was badly damaged.

KELLY'S SIDE

Mayor Frankly and Unequivocally Answers Anonymous Questioner.

Editor Herald:

Since the anonymous questioner, who sails under the alias, City and County Democratic club, has seen fit to propound some more questions, I intend to answer them just as fully as if they were asked by a decent citizen. He is mistaken if he thinks I have been nervous. I did not sign his name to his contribution, but first that he was brazen enough to do so. In this he is prudent for the public will be unable to know who is capable of fathering such unworthy muddling, such cowardly and vile attacks as are veiled in the questions, such an attempt to inject poison when he knows the truth from the records. If the public knew the truth, it would despise him as heartily as he deserves to be despised. I am giving them the truth and if any citizen wishes to know it more in detail, I invite him to call at the city hall and investigate in person. He will be treated courteously, as are all of my visitors.

1. As to question one. If you will quit beating about the bush and name the man whom you call the real mayor, I will answer you, yes or no.
2. Answering question two, my message to the city council gave the reasons for the appointment. Mr. A. P. Cole seems to have plenty of time to stand on street corners and talk politics and criticize the raising of the assessment of Cotton addition until that addition was made to bear its proper burden of taxation instead of overburdening all the homes of the city, and he might as well have been rendering a public service. Besides it would be of some advantage to him to learn something of the truth. Mr. Cole might have sent us the same experts whom your club, of which he is a prominent member, and to whose funds he probably contributes very liberally, sent to examine the city books, and who made a public statement (as per your yellow paper) that the tax rate for 1910 when I went in office was \$1.64, when in fact it was \$1.90; who stated in the same folder that since I became mayor, the tax rate had been advanced 22 cents when, in fact, it has been reduced four cents; who stated that the city needed only \$461,492 in 1910, whereas mayor Sweeney's budget (Minute Book V, pages 505, etc.) calls for \$531,800—a little difference of \$70,308. Mr. F. E. Sawyer, secretary of your club, and Mr. W. P. B. McCain, your candidate for tax assessor and collector, were the auditors. I preferred to have a responsible business man make the audit, rather than would be accountants, who would make a mistake of 25 cents on the tax rate and \$70,000 on the amount of expense—a trifling amount in the eyes of your committee. If, as you say, a busy man like Mr. Cole, could not do the work for \$250 a month, how have you got the nerve to call your ticket a business man's ticket when the mayor only draws \$250 a month and the aldermen draw only \$150 a month?
3. Your question No. 3 gives me an opportunity to tell the public a little more about how we manage city affairs, a thing I am delighted to do. We now get the services of both the park commissioner and the consulting park commissioner for what was formerly paid for one.
4. If you will read the city charter and read the proposed ordinance which I suppose you are writing about, you will probably not ask so foolish a question. Your premises are false.
5. The same reply must be made to this question as to question 4. Please state what proposition you refer to and name the citizen who submitted it. Do you mean why I did not pass the ordinance advocated by John T. Cameron and submitted to the city council after the Union Stockyards company had invested \$80,000 in real estate, on the bank of the river, in the Cotton addition, and drive away from El Paso an industry that means the probable investment of several hundred thousand dollars in the city? I will say that to state the question answers it. The city council, with my thorough approval, did not pass the ordinance, because it was not, in its present shape, a proper one, and because we are endeavoring to build up the city and not to destroy it. We desire to encourage investments, not to discourage them. What would Mr. Lea and his advisers and associates on the ticket do under the circumstances? Answer, gentlemen, if you are not afraid your answer will lose you votes. Should the Union Stockyards ever become a nuisance, the city has ample power to abate it.
6. No it is not true that before East Missouri street was paved, the city water department laid a main in that street so near the surface that it was damaged by the steam rollers of the paving company. That main was laid before the city of El Paso took charge of the waterworks and while John M. Wyatt, vice president of your club, was receiver for the International Water Co.
7. I will gladly enlighten you on this question. Warrants equal in amount to six percent interest were being drawn and delivered to the holders of the original warrants. Interest was also being paid on these interest warrants, and the city was becoming hopelessly involved. My administration funded the debt and pays five percent on the sum I found past due; the city's warrants are now worth par, and the city gets cash prices for what it buys.
8. There is no curse of Chihuahuas. That section is in better condition now than it has ever been since it has been known by that name.
9. The budget for 1915 calls for \$200 for the city treasurer whether that treasurer be Lamar Davis or Charles Kinne. This budget has nothing to do with the present salary. In the language of C. F. (Givadam) Jones, "So many free schools and so much ignorance."
10. Jim Cooklin earns three times his salary.

MRS. MADERO TO MANAGE RELIEF

Aunt of Former President Placed in Charge of Relief Work.

Mrs. Alberto Madero, aunt of president Francisco I. Madero, has been given full charge of the distribution of the money raised by the relief committee of the Refugees Relief association, for the Mexican refugees in El Paso.

The selection of Mrs. Madero to take charge of the work was made at a meeting of the relief committee which was held Monday in the office of collector Z. L. Cobb. Mrs. T. W. Lanier, chairman of the relief committee, presided and the members of the committee present were Messieurs T. W. Lanier, Alberto Madero, M. Calderon, Josephine Nations Morfit, M. C. Schuster, Y. Del Campo, Gen. Francisco Castro, Messrs. A. Schwartz, Z. T. White, E. A. Shelton and Zach Lamar Cobb.

Disbursements Mexican Politics.

This relief work will be distributed among the refugee families in El Paso, regardless of any political questions in Mexico and only the need of the individual cases will be considered. After the meeting the relief committee decided to inaugurate as all of the details of the work will be left with Mrs. Madero and the committee which will name to assist her in distributing the generous offerings of a number of prominent Americans and Mexicans which were made toward the refugee relief Saturday. Another car of flour is also to be donated this week.

The committee, before the meeting, drafted the following statement, which was addressed to Mrs. Madero and signed by Mrs. Lanier and Mrs. Morfit: "Having been selected as chairman and secretary, respectively, of a committee for the relief of the refugees in El Paso, we have received donations ranging in value from \$200 to \$2500, gold, and with a total value of thousands of dollars, from friends of the people of Mexico.

Display True American Spirit.

These contributions will relieve the distressing condition found among the refugees in El Paso. They also display the true spirit that exists in Mexico and on the border. Generous acts of brotherhood only come from the hearts of men, and the great liberality of these contributions shows the finest spirit of the true friendship that exists between the people of Mexico.

"We are very proud to have assisted in so successful and noble a work. We are anxious to reflect the spirit of those who made the donations. We think that the relief work and distribution should be made by those among us who themselves come from Mexico. Mrs. Madero is Entire Charge.

"Therefore, we have selected you, as one especially known and esteemed in your great country, and we ask that you please take the responsibility of carrying out the spirit of this movement, and choose your own associates from among your friends and people."

"We all feel that you, and such women from Mexico as you may select, will best discharge this responsibility. Of course, we will always be subject to your call to render any further assistance in our power."

URGENT MESSAGE AGAINST MURDER

Ministers Issue Address to Public Following Sunday's United Action.

Opposition to the proposed championship fight in Juarez, Mexico, is being aroused and expressed among the El Paso church people. Sunday in many of the churches strong resolutions were adopted by rising vote, protesting against the fight, especially against any disposition on El Paso's part to tolerate, promote, or advertise it.

"The pastors of the various churches especially asking to express their opinions through the press and otherwise, so that the real sentiment of El Pasoans may be made known to the country at large. At the request of the local clergy The Herald gives space to the following 'address to the public' issued in behalf of the protestant churches of El Paso:

For Clean Moral Atmosphere.

"We believe that above all things the moral atmosphere of any city and its regard it not only as our privilege but our duty to raise a warning voice when anything is being done that threatens to pollute that atmosphere. We are deeply sensible of the fact that many things have been and are being done in Juarez, Mexico, that are being brought to the attention of the public before our people in the most stirring form, that arouse the interests of our young men and youths in practices that only result in their physical and mental ruin. We know that over some of these forms of evil the authorities of El Paso and the state of Texas have no jurisdiction. We feel that there should be developed in this city such a strong moral conviction to them that they cannot tolerate it.

An Indifferent Public.

"It is said, to the shame and humiliation of every lover of humanity in El Paso, that but for the support given them by the people residing on this side of the river the various gambling institutions would not be maintained. With this fact before us, we wonder at the spirit of tolerance, of supine moral indifference that is shown by the people of this city in connection with the race games, the infamous race track, and the bull ring in its brutal and inhuman exhibitions that are carried on across the river.

"We are surprised that there is not here a stronger sentiment against patronizing these places, and that the business interests of the city do not see in them ultimate harm to every legitimate business enterprise. The few who gain by them on this side of the river enjoy only a temporary profit, and enjoy that at the expense of the moral and physical well-being of the city. It is a truth that no one can successfully controvert that legitimate gains work injury to legitimate business run.

Menaces to Welfare.

"We feel that we must raise our voice in defense of the morals of the city. We deplore the fact that the few who gain by them on this side of the river enjoy only a temporary profit, and enjoy that at the expense of the moral and physical well-being of the city. It is a truth that no one can successfully controvert that legitimate gains work injury to legitimate business run.

Excuses Offered.

"We have heard many of our business men, and even church men, look upon it apologetically, excusing themselves from any responsibility because it is to be done in Juarez, Mexico, and we have no legal control. We have been told that it will doubtless be patronized by the great majority of the business and professional men of the city. We are slow to believe these allegations and therefore desire to present to you our own citizens to voice their convictions. Our newspapers, not eager to cater to the evil thing, are nevertheless giving the widest publicity to the fact that the principal of the proposed fight will be the son of a prominent citizen of El Paso. We are not willing to let the people of El Paso want them to do.

"It is said that we cannot prevent the fight and therefore we might as well keep quiet. Shall we let the sale of our convictions and not even declare our convictions that it is evil and that we are not willing to let the people of El Paso want them to do.

How It Hurts El Paso.

"Already the infamy of the thing rests upon the fair name of El Paso, and the more so because one of the principals is training on this side of the river. We have trustworthy advice that all over the country the thought of and talked about as an El Paso affair. Do we want our city to have that kind of publicity before the world? After she has not altered and changed the sort of publicity that this brutal and brutalizing fight will give her? "Believing that there are multitudes of our people who feel the shame and the disgrace that this thing brings upon us and who would gladly voice their protest, we are publishing it. If the opportunity were presented, we issue this address. The newspapers of the city have courteously agreed to publish it and to publish our statements of citizens in protest against the fight. We are therefore calling upon the men of the city to voice their convictions in very brief statements for publication.

Make the Protest Known.

"There is no call for comparing the evils with each other. We condemn them all, but just now it seems to us that we should first of all protest against the particular thing that is sure to rest upon the city if we do not let our voices be heard regarding the proposed prize fight.

"We call therefore upon men of every calling, of every kind of business, to voice their protest. It may be sent direct to either of the city papers or to any of the city pastors and thus we may say to the citizens of this city and to the world that, besides though we be, we deeply deplore the whole thing and protest against it with all our heart.

The address is signed by Rev. Herman G. Porter, First M. E. church; Rev. Wesley Webb, Trinity M. E. church; Rev. J. F. Williams, First Baptist; Rev. Charles L. Overstreet, First Presbyterian; Rev. O. J. Wade, Calvary-Houston Square Baptist; Rev. Perry J. Rice, First Christian; Rev. W. C. Bond, Altura Presbyterian; Rev. H. P. Bond, East El Paso M. E.; Rev. J. H. Allen, Austin Park Christian; Rev.

Rev. Abbott Says El Paso Ministers Should Preach "Thou Shalt Not Kill."

Sunday marked the inauguration of a two weeks' revival meeting at Westminster Presbyterian church. Rev. John Abbott, in his sermon Sunday night, referred to local crime conditions. In the course of his address, Dr. Abbott said:

"How is your life with reference to your fellow men? What is your influence in your home? Does your presence cast a shadow or ray of sunshine across your family? Some of you men do not need a whole array of scripture or of theology to convince you. A member of the way you act at home is enough. God says, in the 24th verse of the second chapter of Jeremiah: 'In your skirts is found the blood of the souls of poor innocents.' He referred to their murderous practices and their inhumanity generally.

"It is high time for every minister in El Paso county and every Christian citizen to preach on the text, 'Thou shalt not kill.' Men can commit brutal and inexcusable murder, and get out on bail for an unblemished offense, and secure a few minutes, and then in a being yourself to think that you are doing no wrong. Everybody can see what the game is.

"Some day people will wake up and murder will set the desert. But if you are inconsiderate and unjust to your fellow men, you are not guilty. "Now about your religious life. God's people should not only be church people, but they should be church people, but since they came west they have not out of the way of the city. They have failed in the highest relation and are more guilty than if they had deserted their earthly loved ones."

Mr. Abbott preached Sunday night from Jeremiah 2:25, "That thou sayest, I am innocent, surely his answer shall turn me in."

He said: "God had brought against his people a crushing indictment, and as every count was read they pleaded not guilty. That is the plea of many of you, by various tricks of mind you have managed to think that you are so bad after all. If that is your plea, the trial must proceed to the end. You shall judge your own case."

Tonight Mr. Abbott will speak on "The plea of guilt."

FIRST METHODIST REVIVAL OPENS WITH GOOD ATTENDANCE

The revival services at the First Methodist church, which opened Tuesday and Wednesday evening with large attendance, were continued Sunday evening. Evangelist Will H. Ford preached on both services. At the morning hour he spoke of the leading factors in a great revival campaign. He said the three leading factors are, first, the boldness of the evangelist; second, the power of the message; third, prayer.

At the evening hour the evangelist took as his text, "Thou shalt call his people by their name." Six people requested the prayers of the church.

Services will be held each night, except Saturday, at 7:30 p. m. and on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 2:30 p. m.

CHAPLAIN AXTON TO BE IN CHARGE OF SERVICES

Capt. John T. Axton, chaplain of the 16th Infantry, will be in charge of the services Tuesday and Wednesday night at the First Presbyterian church. A saxophone quartet, composed of Corp. Greene, privates Sullivan, Albin and Smith, of the 20th Infantry, will play at both services. The quartet played at the service Sunday night.

RABBI TO DISCUSS RELIGION AND POLITICS FRIDAY NIGHT

"Religion as a Political Asset" will be the subject of Rev. Martin Zelenka's address Friday night at Temple Mt. Sinai. Rev. Zelenka will discuss the subject indirectly on local political affairs.

L. G. GAAL DOES NOT APPLY FOR HOSPITAL JOB AGAIN

That L. G. Gaal, superintendent of the county hospital, has not made application for the position of superintendent of the new hospital to be opened some time during the present month, and that his name has not been on the board, is the statement of Dr. B. M. Worsham, president of the newly organized county hospital board.

"We have no knowledge that Mr. Gaal even desires to continue as superintendent when the new hospital is opened," said Dr. Worsham. "He has not made application and he has not been considered."

BIG MOOSE MAN GUEST OF LODGE

"Sunny Jim" Davis Here to Inspect Sanitarium Site; He Meets Ornelas.

James J. Davis, director of the Moose, arrived here Monday morning for the purpose of inspecting the site offered for the El Paso for the location of the \$200,000 Moose sanitarium. Mr. Davis was taken in charge by a Moose committee upon his arrival here and, though his stay will be brief, he will be shown all over the city and Juarez.

Upon his arrival he was met at the union station by the Moose committee, consisting of G. L. Bowen, Dr. F. P. Miller, Dr. E. B. Homan, A. M. James and G. L. Lesing, and a committee from the chamber of commerce, consisting of president Burt Orndorff and secretary Andrew Reeves. Autos were waiting and the party made the trip to the smaller, near which Z. T. White has donated a site for the sanitarium. Following this inspection, a sightseeing trip about the city and down the valley was made.

Meets Gen. Ornelas.

In the afternoon the party went to Juarez, where Mr. Davis was presented to Gen. Tomas Ornelas, military commander of the city. Accompanied by Gen. Ornelas and his staff, Mr. Davis and the committee attended the races. At 6 o'clock tonight, at the Moose lodge, Mr. Davis will address a mass meeting. Both Moose members and the public are invited to attend this meeting. Other speakers will be Mayor E. Kelly, Dr. F. P. Miller, Dr. E. B. Homan, Tom Lea, Zach Cobb and Z. T. White. Mr. Davis will leave at 11 o'clock for Aurora, Ill., where he will visit Moonheart, the national home maintained by the Moose. Mr. Davis said that the result of his inspection would be presented to the building committee. He declared he was most favorably impressed with El Paso.

VINTON FARMER PLANS TO ENGAGE IN DAIRYING

Vinton, Texas, Feb. 1.—E. J. Hall is making extensive improvements on his ranch and is having barns and corrals built preparatory to receiving dairy stock. Mr. Hall is a stockholder and director of the Valley Creamery.

Mr. Hall has been turned into a Union ditch from the Chalmers ditch.

Miss Eleanor Hemley is recovering from her recent illness.

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MINING INSTITUTE IS INVITED TO MEET HERE

An invitation to hold the September convention of the American Institute of Mining Engineers in El Paso has been issued by the chamber of commerce and will be presented at the Engineer's convention to be held in New York in February.

Should this city secure the convention a number of side trips, including visits to Bisbee and Douglas, Ariz., will be arranged.

The invitation will, if possible, be delivered by a delegate to be appointed by the chamber of commerce.

KANSAS IS QUARANTINED BECAUSE OF CATTLE DISEASE

Washington, D. C., Feb. 1.—The entire state of Kansas was quarantined today by the department of agriculture against foot and mouth disease because of an infection found at Winfield, brought by cattle from Wisconsin.

WELSH READY TO FIGHT GRIFITHS, AUSTRALIAN

Alekan, Ohio, Feb. 1.—Everything is in readiness for the 2-round bout tonight between Freddie Welsh, lightweight champion, and Johnnie Griffiths, holder of the Australian lightweight belt.

Watch This Space Each Day If You Are Interested in Good Government

WILL MAYOR KELLY PLEASE TELL THE PUBLIC

Why it was incumbent upon the taxpayers of El Paso county to pay the fees of the attorneys employed to defend the state of Texas in the suit at law between the state of Texas and the state of New Mexico?

We have asked that question before in the form of a request that you tell the public what caused you to appear before the commissioners' court in July, 1914, to influence that body, which was then made up of your political adherents, to donate \$12,000 of the taxpayers' money to a certain law firm in this city, but your reply thereto, while turning your motive, does not make it clear why the taxpayers of El Paso county should have been compelled to bear the burden of the cost of that suit.

Why was not, and why should not, that expense be borne by the state of Texas? Did not the attorney general of the state keep one of his assistants in El Paso for months looking after that suit and, if he needed help from local attorneys, was it not the duty of the attorney general of the state to provide that help for him at the expense of the state?

If the owners of land involved were anxious that special counsel be employed why should they not pay that counsel, inasmuch as they would be the direct beneficiaries of the suit, if it were won?

AS A MATTER OF FACT DID NOT THE LAND OWNERS INTERESTED CONTRIBUTE TO A FUND AMOUNTING TO \$15,000 WHICH WAS PAID OVER TO THE ATTORNEYS COMPOSING THE SPECIAL COUNSEL EMPLOYED?

That being the case, Mr. Mayor, was it necessary for you to petition the County Commissioners' court or to appear before that body, to urge, as you say, in your answer, you did, that money be appropriated from county funds to pay those attorneys employed as special counsel \$12,000, or any other amount of the taxpayers' money?

Why is it that, though the warrants which the county commissioners were induced, through your persuasion, to issue, were drawn in favor of the attorneys employed as special counsel, the county treasurer's check, authorized by the warrants, was made payable to one of the owners of land in the disputed territory, and who was a member of the so-called citizens' committee, which recommended your nomination for mayor?

How many of those who signed the petition to the County Commissioners' court, asking that body to issue warrants for \$12,000 payable to the firm of attorneys acting as special counsel in the case, knew that their lawyers had already been paid their fee by the land owners?

What was your intention when you engineered the deal through the County Commissioners' court?

Is it not a fact that the present county attorney, well known as one of your political adherents, and therefore prejudiced in your favor, if he is prejudiced at all, rendered an opinion to the effect that the payment by the County Commissioners' court of the fee demanded by the attorneys employed as special counsel in this case, was illegal?

You profess to have been interested in the case because, if the state of Texas lost the suit, El Paso county would have suffered the loss of the taxes which the lands involved would, in course of time, have paid into the county treasury.

A parallel case, and a case which, if lost, would have cost the city and county of El Paso thousands of times the amount of taxes involved in the Texas-New Mexico cases, was the Chalmers case. If that case were lost, all of the southern portion of the city of El Paso would have been thrown, not into a sister state, but into Mexico, a foreign country, yet the costs of the defense of that case were borne by the general government and neither the city nor county of El Paso was asked to put up a dollar.

What precedent have you, Mr. Mayor for involving the county of El Paso in any expense whatever in connection with the efforts of the state of Texas to retain control of the lands claimed by New Mexico?

If, as you claim, you were the owner of one-sixteenth of the land involved, do you think the burden of defending your title thereto should be borne by the people of El Paso county, as a whole, rather than by yourself? Why should the farmers of the valleys in the county or the builders of homes in the city of El Paso be forced by arbitrary action of the County Commissioners' court to contribute in the form of taxes to the cost of such defense?

The efforts of the state of Texas to maintain its sovereignty over the disputed land should be commended and are commended, and it is right that the people of the state of Texas should spare no expense in defending the state's title to those lands, but, do you believe that you had any right to influence or to try to influence the former County Commissioners' court to appropriate money raised by general taxation to pay the defense of your title to your holdings in the disputed belt?

Please answer these questions direct. Don't appeal to maslin sentiment. We know that you "would die before you would see the Grand Old State lose a foot of the soil bought at the price of so much blood and treasure," etc., but you are not the only man who would do that. There are many others who would do the same thing if called upon to do it. At the same time they would like to know why, in the meantime, they should be asked to pay taxes with which to pay lawyers to defend the titles to your private holdings of real estate.

Twelve thousand dollars is a lot of money and, before it is allowed to get out of the county treasury, those who put it there would like to know why it should be withdrawn for the purpose of paying lawyers retained to look after your private, personal rights in court.

This is a very important question, Mr. Mayor, and it is hoped you will clear up the doubt in the public mind as to the legality of the whole transaction.

You cannot evade responsibility by saying that you acted in the matter as a private citizen, and that, anyway, it is a county matter and should not be brought up in the mayoralty campaign. You are a public officer, the highest in the community, and in your public or private acts should set an example worthy of emulation. Besides, is it not a matter of common knowledge that the County Commissioners' court which issued the warrants referred to above was made up of men known to be your personal friends and political creatures, ready to do your bidding without question?

That being the case, was it not more incumbent upon you to see that, by no illegal action of theirs should you be placed in a false position?

Give the public the facts without equivocation. The public has a right to know.

Don't say that you have already answered this question, because you have not. You have alluded to it, it is true, but you have only raised new doubts about it. Come clean.

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